

BRITISH PROGRESS TOWARD BAPAUME

Successes South of Ancre Follow Reported Gains to East of Courcellette.

GERMANS ARE CHECKED IN VOSGES BY FRENCH

**Berlin to Register Protest Against
"Tanks"—Held Contrary to Laws
of Civilized Warfare.**

LONDON, September 22.—British forces north of the Somme, in France, continued to make progress toward Bapaume. In addition to reporting further success on the southern flank, the British command issued a statement of tonight reporting great activity on the part of aeroplanes and squadrons, the operations proving highly successful.

Following up their success of Friday night, the British advanced some 1½ miles from Flers and Martinpuich to the Bois de Haig today gained ground east of Courcellette, on the other side of the Bessieres-Bapaume road from Martinpuich.—A strongly fortified German trench system on a front of half a mile east of Courcellette, in the direction of Sara, on the Poulvies-Bapaume road, was carried by the British.

Berlin Denies Gain.

The troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria attempted to penetrate the British line near the Bapaume farm, between Courcellette and Thiepval.

A fierce artillery duel occurred in the Belfort region today, and the French engaged in no infantry action.

The Germans in the Vosges attempted to attack French positions south of Saverne. Marie passed after a lively bombing fight, the enemy was driven back to his trenches.

The French, Paris says, continue their tactics of harassing the garrison and forcing the German salient around Remiremont. Raiding French troops are on the edge of the town and are

To Protest Use of "Tanks"

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Geneva says it is understood there that the German government proposes to lodge a complaint with the International Red Cross against the use of what is called "tanks." The complaint will be on the ground that the use of these new engines of war is contrary to recognized methods of civilized warfare.

British Official Report.

The British official statement from

"During a bombardment by our artillery of one section of the enemy's front

Yesterday ten hostile gun pits destroyed, fourteen others severely damaged and five ammunition pits blown up.

"Today a big fire was caused by our artillery in a village much used by the enemy's transport for supply purposes.

Great Aerial Activity:

"There was very great aerial activity yesterday. A highly successful raid by about fifty of our machines was carried out on an important railway junction, where much damage was done, two trains containing ammunition being destroyed and many violent explosions.

being caused. A number of other raids on enemy railway works and sidings, aerodromes and other points of military importance were equally successful.

"In addition, many fights occurred in the air, during which three hostile machines were destroyed and five others

others which broke off the fight and were seen to descend steeply toward the ground.

"Five of our machines are missing."

German Statement.

The German statement recording the

"Western theater: Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria—North of the Somme the battle was resumed. After a continually increasing artillery fire the French attacked the Comblès-Bapaume line. They

"A supplementary report states that during the night of Thursday English local attacks near Mouquet farm and ...

"In aerial fighting north of the Somme we shot down eleven enemy machines."

SHIP AWARDED TO ITALY.

Judge Waddill Renders Decision in

NORFOLK, Va., September 23.—Following arguments and further testimony submitted by the owners of the Italian steamship *Attualita*, Judge Edmund Waddill, in the eastern Virginia district federal court this after-

noon rendered a decision awarding the vessel to the Italian government. She had been libelled by the owners of the Greek steamship Mina for \$300,000. The Mina was sunk early in August in the Mediterranean sea following a col-

At the request of counsel for the Greek steamship *Mina*, Judge Waddill announced that he would hold up the order for the release of the *Actualita* for a reasonable length of time, leaving the ship in the hands of the United States marshal. This course, he announced, was taken in order that the

attorneys might have time to communicate with their clients, to learn if they were desired to appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court. Attorneys for the Mina owners are confident that they will be instructed to enter an appeal, when the court is expected to release the Attualita on bond.

Representative Glynn Renominated.
WATERBURY, Conn., September 22.—James P. Glynn, representative in Congress from the fifth Connecticut district, was renominated by the republican district convention today.